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Baptists And Religious Liberty

REJOICING WELCOMES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM—Richmond, Va., Dec. 16, 1785—Baptists in Virginia rejoiced in the vote by the Virginia General Assembly adopting Thomas Jefferson's "Act to establish religious freedom." The support of the declaration guaranteed "that all men shall be free to profess and... maintain their opinions in matters of religion..." (Used with permission of the Historical Commission, S.B.C.)

Wrapup

Baptists Take Look At Their Own History

By W. Barry Garrett
WASHINGTON (BP)—More than 200 representatives of nine major Baptist bodies in the United States took a hard, honest look at themselves and their role in the American experience during the National Baptist Bicentennial Convocation Jan. 12-15.

There was unanimous recognition that Baptists were significantly influential in the formation of the national policy of religious liberty during the 30 year period, 1770 to 1800.

However, since that time, speaker after speaker asserted, Baptists did not uniformly follow through in their insistence on religious liberty for all groups.

Also, many expressed a strong feeling that the concept of freedom in the United States should be expanded beyond the traditional emphasis on "separation of church and state" to include the entire gamut of human

rights, justice for all groups, and equality for all races.

The convocation, the only national all-Baptist event planned for the Bicentennial year, was planned and coordinated by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington at the request of the North American Baptist Fellowship.

"We are here because we believe that the observance of the Bicentennial has profound implications for the community of faith as well as the nation as a whole. Furthermore, we believe the Bicentennial is far more than a celebration of 200 years of America's nationhood," declared James E. Wood Jr., the Joint Committee's executive director.

"We perceive that the Bicentennial must mean a call to a deeper self-awareness of the American experience and the real meaning for today of the

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Radio-TV Ushers In Age Of Sixty-Second Sermon

By Bonita Sparrow
FORT WORTH (BP)—In 60 seconds or less a message about the world's savior, Jesus Christ, slips neatly into the station break of prime time radio and television.

Southern Baptist churches across the 12.5 million member denomination, while maintaining a strong pulpit ministry, more and more are turning to the broadcast medium to present the Christian message.

While the Sunday morning or evening worship service is in no danger of air time obsolescence, many Baptist churches are going to one-minute spot announcements. Most of these Christian commercials are produced by TimeRite, Inc., with offices in Dallas and Wilmington, N.C., as the advertising arm of the denomination's Radio and Television Commission.

"Whatever a church allocates for such a project is what it's going to cost," said W. C. Woody, TimeRite president. "We take the budget the church sets and try to achieve its objectives of reaching the most people for the money."

Time Rite often proposes a cap-

Baptist Pastor To Run For Governor In North Carolina

By Robert O'Brien
KANNAPOLIS, N.C. (BP)—Coy Privette says he will resign as pastor of North Kannapolis Baptist Church here to seek the Republican nomination to run for governor of North Carolina.

The 43-year-old pastor, who says he will not turn his back on preaching and ministry in or out of the governor's office, is president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and former president of the Christian Action League, a non-partisan, interdenominational group in the state.

"I really dismissed it at first," Privette told Baptist Press in commenting on early suggestions that he run. "But I said I would leave the door open. Lack of Christian citizenship is why we

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take approach away from the stained-glass setting and far from the "turn or burn" shouts of some Christians in broadcasting. The commercials may be set on a tennis court, golf course, in family groups. A film for First Baptist Church, Muskogee, Okla., featured a submarine in the middle of a prairie.

The messages related to realistic situation, offer God's love as an option for living and encourage listeners to seek God's way

for solving problems.

Some pastors recognize that Madison Avenue, at great expense has proved that television advertising pays. "The person you really want to reach may not give you a half-hour on Sunday morning but won't turn you off if you come one for one short minute in the middle of a popular television show," said Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N.M.

A professional surveyer hired by

the church indicated the capsule approach is the "best way to appeal to the non-Christian, non-church goer."

In New Orleans, J. Truett Gannon, pastor of First Baptist Church there, became convinced of spot advertising's effectiveness when his congregation purchased 30-second slots to present the church to an estimated 320,000 people watching NFL Monday night football.

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Church-State Separation

"Not Abandonment" Says Mississippi Congressman

STARKVILLE—Congressman David Bowen said here today that separation of church and state "as conceived by our Founding Fathers does not mean abandonment of the religious and moral foundations of our society."

Bowen's comments came during the keynote address for the 28th annual Church and Community Leadership Institute on the campus of Mississippi State University.

Bowen pointed out that such leaders as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and John Adams all stressed the close relationship of religious faith and the basic freedoms of our

The Congressman noted that in his farewell address, Washington said, "Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles."

And, Bowen said, Washington added in another message that

"civil and religious liberty are one," a sentiment reflected by America's other Founding Fathers.

The Congressman said, however, "I am personally concerned about some of the recent Supreme

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Commission Opposes Wine, Pari-Mutuel Bills

House Bill 479 (O'Keefe, Levi, Cossar) would allow local option racing upon approval in any county where the facilities are to be located. It was reported in the Jackson papers that race tracks would be built on the Gulf Coast. It has also been rumored that DeSoto County would be another likely location. A Gulf Coast television station recently made editorial comment in favor of the local option plan, according to a Gulf Coast pastor.

The Native Wine Bill, Senate Bill 2172 (Burgin, Bodron), is similar to the one introduced in the past two legislative sessions. In the 1975 session, the bill passed the Senate but died in the House. It is reported that large investments in grape arbors are being made within the state, anticipating passage of the bill. The bill would authorize the manufacture and sale of "native wine" in Mississippi in any county where alcoholic beverages may be sold.

Native wine is defined as "any product having an alcoholic content up to 21 per cent by weight which would be 87.4 proof." The

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January Receipts Pass Budget For Month

Cooperative Program receipts for January through the offices of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from churches of the convention amounted to \$714,075.

The Cooperative Program is the Southern Baptist Convention system of a voluntary, unified budget whereby the state convention and national convention agencies and missions efforts are financed.

The receipts for the first month of the new year were \$105,742 above the budget figure for one

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Committee Urges Support For Persecuted Christians

ATLANTA (BP)—A call for "intercession for Persecuted Christians" was issued by the 48-member International Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization meeting here.

The committee, an outgrowth of the 1974 World Congress on Evangelization in Lausanne, Switzerland, specifically noted Georgian Vins, a dissident Soviet Baptist

pastor who has been sentenced to five years in a labor camp and another five years exile in Siberia.

The committee said it "is painfully aware of the many areas of the world... which are closed to or which severely restrict an open proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are deeply moved by the faithfulness of ma-

ny Christians in those areas" who suffer affliction and persecution.

"We commend these persecuted Christians and their families to the care and ardent intercession of their fellow Christians throughout the world, that God may sustain them in their faith, grant them freedom and open those areas again for an unhindered evangelization," the statement said.

In other action, the committee elected evangelist Leighton Ford

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1000th Baptist Student Campus Program Begun

KOKOMO, Ind. (BP)—Southern Baptist student work passed a milestone here with the beginning of the 1000th Baptist student ministry program on a college campus.

The program at the University of Indiana at Kokomo represents

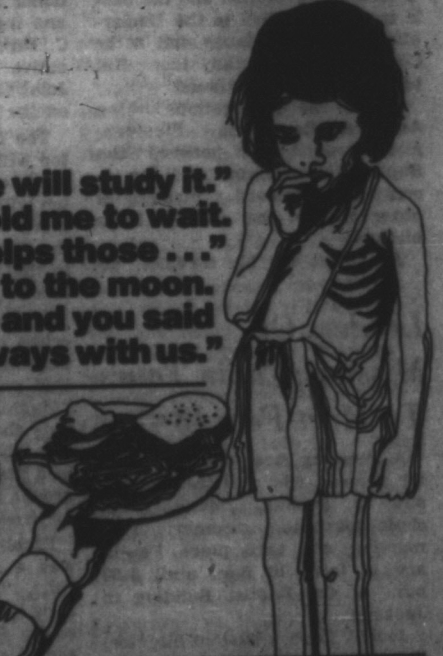
June 1, 1964. Many of the new ministries since 1960 have been launched by volunteer or part-time workers, such as Mrs. Mary Jefferson, who serves as the volunteer director of the new program at the University of Indiana at Kokomo

Latham Takes Sunday School Board Position

Bill Latham has announced his resignation as consultant with the

I was hungry and you said "We will study it."
 I was hungry and you told me to wait.
 I was hungry and you said "God helps those..."
 I was hungry and you went to the moon.
 I was hungry and you said "The poor are always with us."

I WAS HUNGRY,
 AND YOU
 FED ME.



THIS MESSAGE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

GET A HEAD START ON TOMORROW

OBSERVE BAPTIST SEMINARY, COLLEGE, AND SCHOOL DAY
FEBRUARY 15, 1976

SPONSORED BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

On Feb. 15, 1976, Southern Baptists across the 50-state area of the 12.3 - million member denomination will have the opportunity to learn how 71 seminaries, colleges, universities, and schools operated by Baptists "help students to get a head start on tomorrow."

They will learn that these schools, affiliated with the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, emphasize that education—without recognition of life's spiritual dimension—is no education at all.

On that day, a wide number of SBC churches will observe "Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day"—a Denominational Calendar event sponsored annually by the SBC's Education Commission.

State's Top 25 Churches In Area 63 Awards Noted

The report of the top 25 churches in new Church Study Course Awards for Oct. 1, 1974, to Sept. 30, 1975, has been compiled by the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

CHURCH	ASSOCIATION	AWARDS
1. Calvary, Waynesboro	Wayne	294
2. Oak Forest, Jackson	Hinds-Madison	267
3. First, Brookhaven	Lincoln	250
4. Broadmoor, Jackson	Hinds-Madison	183
5. Calvary, Jackson	Hinds-Madison	177
6. First, Tupelo	Lee	157
7. Alta Woods, Jackson	Hinds-Madison	133
8. Byram, Jackson	Hinds-Madison	133
9. First, Grenada	Grenada	124
10. Union, Piquette	Pearl River	124
11. Harrisburg, Tupelo	Lee	121
12. First, Vicksburg	Warren	112
13. First, Louisville	Winston	108
14. Main Street, Hattiesburg	Lebanon	104
15. First, Columbus	Lowndes	103
16. First, Pontotoc	Pontotoc	98
17. New Hope, Foxworth	Marion	92
18. Parkway, Natchez	Adams	90
19. Kossuth, Kossuth	Alcorn	88
20. Calvary, Yazoo City	Yazoo	88
21. Northside, New Albany	Union County	80
22. Indian Springs, Laurel	Jones	76
23. Van Winkle, Jackson	Hinds-Madison	76
24. First, Okolona	Chickasaw	72
25. West Jackson, Tupelo	Lee	71

The nature of these awards is Subject Area 63, which is the Bible Teaching Program.

The top 25 churches, their associations, and the number of awards received are as follows:

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Baptists Look At History

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American Revolution and the basic truths embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, especially the Bill of Rights," he continued.

During the convocation, the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration honored the Baptist Joint Committee for its contribution toward a meaningful observance of the nation's 200th birthday.

A special worship service, at-

tended by 600 persons at the National Baptist Memorial Church, and the unveiling of a portrait of C. Emanuel Carlson, former executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee, also highlighted the convocation.

The National Baptist Memorial with the joint help of the Social Church was built in Washington with the joint help of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Churches in the USA as a memorial to religious liberty.

Clarence Cranford, pastor emeritus of the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, told the worship service participants that the "Magnificent Obsession" of Baptists should be the cause of religious liberty. This should result in a life of love and service to all groups rather than just a demand for freedom for Baptists, he said.

Highlight of the worship service was a presentation of the musical, "Let Christ's Freedom Ring," composed and conducted by Phillip Landgrave, professor of church music at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. The musical was commissioned jointly by the Historical and Christian Life Commissions of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Joint Committee as part of the 1976 SBC denominational emphasis, "We Hold These Truths."

The Baptist Joint Committee unveiled a portrait of Carlson, who retired in 1971 after 17 years as executive director. The picture will hang in the offices of the committee, along with that of the late M. Dawson, the first executive director. Dr. and Mrs. Carlson are living in Dundee, Fla.

Leaders Of Mission/Choir Tours To Meet Feb. 13

A meeting has been designed for persons who will lead, or assist in leading, mission/youth choir tours this summer. This meeting will take place February 13 from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Joel T. Land, assistant director, Department of Special Missions Ministries, Home Mission Board, will be the guest leader.

Lunch will be served in the Sky Room, at \$3 per person, paid on arrival.

Areas of discussion will include tour preparation, do's and don'ts while on tour, the use of music and puppets while on tour, and resort ministry. A filmstrip, "Ready to Go—Mission Youth Groups," and a new patriotic musical, "Fabric of Freedom," are to be on the program.

Dan Hall, director, Church Music Department, MBCB, says "Joel Land will help place your group in a needy pioneer area."

'Baptist Hour' Observes Its 35th Birthday

FORT WORTH (BP) — As 1976 moves the country into its Bicentennial year, "The Baptist Hour," the flagship program of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, observes an anniversary of its own.

It's 35 — ancient by radio standards.

The January anniversary date was observed quietly. Herschel H. Hobbs, "Baptist Hour" speaker, instead noted the nation's Bicentennial. He is preaching a series of sermons with the theme, "One Nation, Under God."

"The Baptist Hour" became a reality in 1941 when M. E. Dodd, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, stepped to the microphone and talked about "Christ and the Human Crisis."

That first series of sermons was aired on an ABC network of 17 stations in 11 states. It is the only one of the Radio and Television Commission programs ever heard regularly on a national network. Later experience indicated that

commission programs were better syndicated and aired on individual stations which made public service time available for them.

Today, "The Baptist Hour" is on 357 stations in 50 states and several countries abroad.

Hobbs, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, has been "Baptist Hour" speaker since 1968. "A past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Hobbs is noted for his ability to put everyday issues into spiritual perspective," a commission spokesman said.

Inspirational music, a hallmark of "Baptist Hour" broadcasts, is provided by The Centurymen, a men's chorus of 100 ministers of music created by the Radio and Television Commission for that purpose. The program is produced for the commission by Stan Knowles.

"The Baptist Hour's" popularity is due perhaps to the fact that it does not propose that listeners join the Baptist denomination," the spokesman said. "Rather, Hobbs reminds listeners that God has a better way for their lives—in the church of their own choice."

Ernest Kelly - - -

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He was a member of the Cherry Creek Church.

The family suggested that in lieu of flowers, memorials could be made to Cherry Creek or Ridgecrest, Jackson, churches, or to Baptist institutions such as Baptist Children's Village or Gulfshore Assembly.

In speaking at his father's funeral, Dr. Earl Kelly used as texts, John 17:24, "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me that they may behold my glory. . . ." and 1 Cor. 13:12, "For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."

Dr. Kelly paid tribute to his father for his Christian character and witness, his loyalty to his church, his devotion to his family, and his service to his community.

Among other things Dr. Kelly said, "Responsibilities of life came to him early, for his father died when he was three, and at thirteen he was helping to provide for the family."

"Though the years he was devoted to his family,"

"He believed in work, and followed the Bible's teaching concerning the one not working not eating."

"He was an ecologist, although he may not have known the word. He loved nature and seeing things grow, and felt that it was a sin to misuse God's soil."

"He taught his children well. I remember once when he led me as a little child to the back of a field to see little birds in their nest. He taught me to know the trees and the plants."

"He hated poisonous snakes and noxious weeds."

"He had strong convictions, and knew how to hate the right things. But he also always stood strongly for things — that were right."

"He was a good neighbor and friend to those about him."

"Long ago he met Jesus Christ, and walked with Him, lived for Him and gave witness to Him. He loved the church and gave loyal support to it."

"Today he is with his Saviour, and is beholding His glory."

Music for the service was provided by Dan Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Convention Board, and Nan Grantham, also of the Music Department.

CIUDAD SATELITE, Mexico — The First Baptist Church here responded to requests from Honduran Baptists to support missionaries in that country. After the Honduran Baptists asked the National Baptist Convention of Mexico to send them missionaries, the church sponsored a special missions emphasis program. About \$480 was collected to help fund the new missionaries to Honduras.

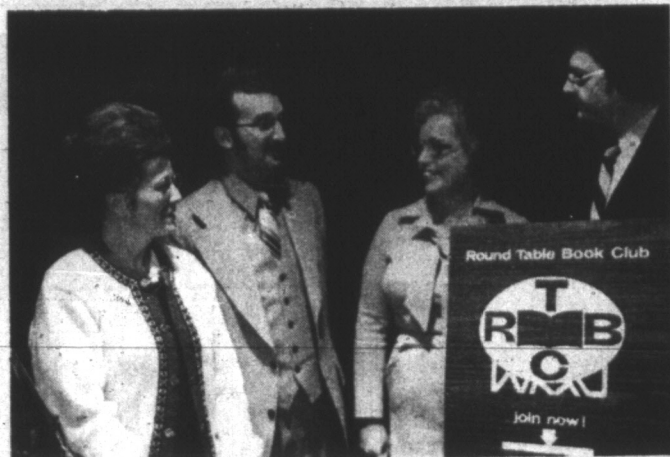
MC Spiritual Enrichment Week To Stress Responsible Freedom

Mississippi College students will be holding Spiritual Enrichment Week Feb. 9 - 13 with a team of leading pastors, denominational leaders and counselors serving as discussion leaders for the special emphasis.

The theme for the week will be "Free . . . and Easy?" according to co-chairmen Alice Germany of Clinton and Don Dent of Holly Springs. It will stress responsible freedom.

Visiting lecturers for the week

will be Dr. Fisher H. Humphreys, associate professor of theology at New Orleans Seminary; Rev. William A. Lawson, pastor of Wheeler Avenue Church in Houston, Texas, and a part-time teacher at the University of Houston; Nancy Potts, counselor and therapist at the Union Baptist Association's Center for Counseling in Houston, Texas; and Rev. Daniel John Yearry, pastor of the University Church in Coral Gables, Fla.



Woman's Missionary Union and Book Store Division present the Round Table Book Club at WMU Executive Board meeting, Birmingham. Helping in the presentation are Marjean Patterson, executive secretary, Mississippi; Al Crawford, Southern Region Book Store Division manager; Carolyn Weatherford, WMU executive secretary; and William S. Graham, Book Store Division manager.

WMU Announces Book Club, Price Rise, Staffer

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — A missions book club, magazine price increases, summertime conference expansion, and a new staff member were announced here during the meeting of the executive board of Woman's Mission-

ary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

WMU launched Round Table Book Club, a new plan to get missions books economically into the hands of a wide spectrum of Southern Baptists; announced the first WMU magazine price increases in two years for seven magazines; announced it will hold its first summertime conferences tailor-made for pastors and church staff members; and named Cindy Burns, a Mississippian, as a new writer in the WMU's office of public relations.

The Round Table Book Club will offer three books a quarter, which members may accept or decline. It is part of a three-year emphasis on teaching missions, according to Adrienne Bonham, editor Baptist Women — Baptist Young Women materials at WMU.

Charter membership, available through August 15, will include a free copy of "The Woman I Am: Looking Forward Through The Christian Past." Lists for book selection will be mailed in July and the books will be received in September. Miss Bonham said this schedule will allow Round Table groups in Baptist Women's organizations to study the books in October, but she stressed membership is open to all Baptists who want to know more about missions.

The magazine price increases, largely brought about by postal rate increases, will become effective with the July issues, according to Carolyn Weatherford, WMU executive secretary. Postal increases ranged from eight percent to 11 percent for the WMU magazines.

Magazines increasing from \$3 to \$4 annually are "Royal Service," "Contempo" and "Accent." "Discovery" will increase from \$2 to \$3 and "Dimension," "Aware" and "Start" will increase from \$2.50 to \$3.50.

For the first time WMU will offer special conferences for pastors and church staffers at its summertime programs at Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Centers. Sessions will also be available for pastors' wives.

Catherine Allen, assistant to the executive secretary and director of public relations, announced that Cindy Burns joined the WMU staff as a new writer, Jan. 2. A native Mississippian, Miss Burns is a recent graduate of Mississippi State University.

28 Action Consultants Attend Training Meeting

Twenty-eight men from around the state attended the one-day training meeting for Action consultants, held at the Baptist Building in Jackson on January 29. The Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Bryant Cummings, director, sponsored the meeting.

Dr. Eugene Skelton, who is with the Action section of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, led the discussions. Dr. Skelton was formerly pastor of First Church, Pascagoula.

These action consultants who were being trained in the meeting will be conducting association-wide Action campaigns during the next two years, as a part of the Action strategy in associations. Mr. Cummings said, "The Sunday School Department is planning for Action campaigns in a minimum of forty associations within two years."

The twenty-eight consultants

present for the training meeting were:

Rev. Wade Allen, pastor, Indian Springs, Laurel. Rev. Bill Ballou, Alta Woods, Jackson; Farrell Blankenship, First Church, Hattiesburg; Dr. Bill Causey, Parkway Church, Jackson; Rev. Harold D. Fleming, First Church, McComb; Rev. Bill Hardy, First Church, Columbus; Rev. Lavon Hatten, Winona.

Gene Hendrix, First Church, Clinton; David Hulse, Main Street, Hattiesburg; Rev. James A. Hurt, Pastor, Immanuel Church, Cleveland; Len Jenkins, Greenville; Dr. Barry Landrum, First Church, Greenville; John McDonald, Immanuel Church, Cleveland; Dr. Joe McKeever, Pastor, First Church, Columbus.

Rev. George Meadows, Pastor, First Church, Hazlehurst; Dr. P. A. Michel, First Church, Brookhaven; Dr. Ed North, Pastor, First Church, Quitman; Rev. Roy Raddin, Second Church, Greenville; Rev. Eugene Roberts, Brookhaven; Rev. Fred Tarpley, Jackson; Dr. John "Bud" Traylor, First Church, Gulfport;

Dr. Allen O. Webb, Ingalls Avenue, Pascagoula; Glen E. Wierick, First Church, Jackson, Rev. Glen Williams, McComb.

Bill Latham - - -

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Church Training Department, he has directed work with adults.

He has been a writer for Source for eight years.

Before accepting his present position in 1965, he was pastor of Forkland Church, Washington Association. He had been associate pastor of First Church, Greenville, and minister of music and education at First Church, Winona, and Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Judy Hendrix, and is the father of two sons, Jim and John, and a daughter, Erin.

In the Mississippi Church Training Department, Latham worked with Kermit King, director. He succeeds Reuben Herring as editor of Source.

January Budget - - -

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month, though they were \$34,364 below the receipts for the same month of 1975.

"This year is off to a great start in meeting the largest budget in the history of the Mississippi Baptist Convention," said Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. "This interest in world missions continued throughout the year will mean more to the cause of Christ than anyone can imagine."

The 1976 budget for the Mississippi Baptist Convention is \$7.3 million.

Not Abandonment - - -

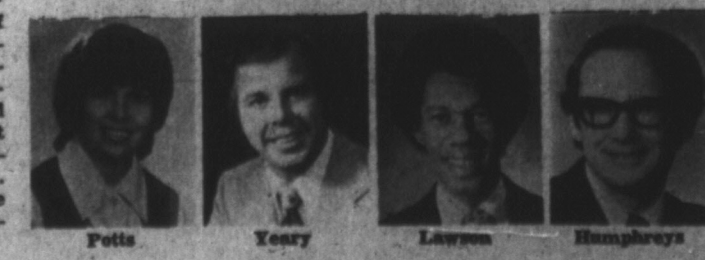
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Court decisions which seek not just to protect us against a state-established religion, but tend to remove religion from the historic position it has held in our society.

"We cannot help but be distressed at the tendency of recent years to eliminate all reference to God from our public life and all invocation of his blessings from our public schools," Bowen commented.

Bowen said for that reason he was supporting a Constitutional amendment which would allow prayer in our schools.

The Enrichment Week team will be leading out in regular chapel programs of the college, visiting in various classrooms, and holding other special seminar and discussion sessions throughout the week.



Radio-TV -- Age Of The Sixty-Second Sermon

"It was the only time I ever discussed religion in a bar," one man said later. "The whole bar got quiet and everybody watched. It was about not blaming God for war and violence. It said the only thing God is guilty of is love. And at the end, the fellow (Gannon) speaking offered help from the church. I really liked that commercial."

Few people realize that spot announcements are the "least expensive way" to reach large numbers of people with the gospel, according to Wayne Allen, pastor of Memphis' East Park Baptist Church.

"We paid \$300 a minute for time for three one-minute spot announcements telling Memphians the church cares about alcoholics, troubled teenagers, and those in jail. We figure," said Allen, "probably 80,000 people saw us in Memphis, plus those in the three-state viewing area. You couldn't mail all those people a post card for that amount."

One problem, East Park Church faced was the local station's policy of not selling time to religious organizations. But the station manager viewed their commercials and made an exception "accepting them on their merit," said Allen.

For other churches, radio produces effective results. James L. Pleitz, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., was one of the first Southern Baptist ministers to use radio for one-minute gospel messages. He believes the "short devotional message that instantly relates to people is the way we are going to penetrate the secular mind."

"You don't necessarily get a response or finished results immediately," he said, "but some of the messages are very evangelistic. We feel strongly that we're creating an appetite for things religious."

Pleitz' spots are on seven radio stations — including one in Memphis, Tenn., and another in Winston-Salem, N. C. He considers spot advertising so effective that if forced to choose between them and airing the Sunday worship service, "I would

choose the spots."

In Virginia, Charles G. Fuller, pastor of Roanoke's First Baptist Church, uses radio to deliver one-minute, "God's Minutes," just before the noon news each day, and "Drive Time" spots during peak commuter hours. The spots "reach more people in 16 cities in Virginia than ever visit the church," Fuller said.

James W. Waters, pastor of Marble White Memorial Baptist Church in Macon, agrees that radio is an effective extended pulpit. Waters, on the air since 1953, said, "If there are 35 people in church on Sunday, 65 will be absent. The broadcast medium is the mission arm of the church to reach those people."

So convinced were John A. Wood, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., and the congregation there of broadcasting's effectiveness that they remodeled the sanctuary to accommodate television equipment to beam a quality program from the church to the local station. Included was a closed circuit television system, "which offers tremendous possibilities for church educational activities," said Wood.

The church also produces several religious specials each year. Its hour-long Christmas Eve special is aired locally, with the station pre-empting the network to present the program.

While airing Sunday worship services and presenting Christian in capsules are effective, several Baptist state conventions and agencies are using documentaries to tell their individual stories.

The Missouri Baptist General Convention was among the first. In "Me and Tom and the River," Mark Twain's Tom Sawyer and an "old-timey" Baptist preacher rode a raft down the Mississippi River from the past to the present. Scenes highlighted Missouri's history and present.

Bob Thornton, who produced "Me and Tom . . .," also produced, "The Whale that Came to Mississippi" for the Mississippi Baptist Convention. "Whale" studies the heritage of Mississippi Baptists, assesses its present, and

challenges for the future.

"Rising postal rates and our concern about newspapers and their need to meet high mailing costs turned us toward television," said Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi convention. "We bought prime time to air the show — on a medium reaching a target audience the normal church does not reach."

TimeRite has also produced a

"Life and Liberty '76" series of 27, five-minute Bicentennial programs for the Arkansas State Baptist Convention, produced by Rosser McDonald of TimeRite. Budget for the project was \$50,000, Woody said. "We bought time on the Arkansas Razorback football radio network to promote the series. The radio people like the promotion spots and are running them free as public service announcements during the week."

The Arkansas Bicentennial television spots will cover the state from stations in four cities, including Monroe, La., which reaches southeastern Arkansas.

Baptist agencies using the documentary include the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, for which Thornton and TimeRite produced the award-winning "The Mountain Within," featuring film and television star Andy Griffith.

Thornton is also producing a documentary on aging for the Virginia Baptist Homes, featuring Will Geer of "The Waltons" television show. The film is geared as educational and fund-raiser.

The Radio and Television Commission programs reach an estimated 100 million people weekly. In 1975 alone the broadcast industry gave more than \$10 million million worth of free time to air commission programs.

Commission Opposes Wine, Betting

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bill would permit direct sales to distributors, retailers, and consumers without sales being subject to ABC control. The tax would be only 5 cents per gallon compared to 35 cents per gallon on wine imported from other states. Untaxed six ounce free samples may be distributed at the winery. The license fee for manufacturers is \$10 per 10,000 gallons, with a \$50 fee for a retail permit.

The Christian Action Commission, in a meeting Friday at the Baptist Building, issued a statement concerning these bills through the executive director, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, as follows:

"Mississippians will do an injustice to the people of the counties involved in the location of race tracks, as well as the state as a whole, if we permit this malignancy of pari-mutuel wagering to infect our body politic. The criminal element and a few others stand to make big money while other businesses suffer the economic drain to the gambling interests. Should the tax revenue from gambling run as high as a few million dollars, it will not begin to pay for the cost of law enforcement surrounding the illegal activities that accompany such devious enterprises. Horse racing as a sport is already legal in Mississippi. It is race track gambling that is being opposed. Further, the provision that 2½ per cent of the amount wagered would be earmarked for a fund for teachers' salaries is no guarantee that their salaries would be raised according to the amount received. Re-

member the promises concerning legalized liquor. This bill should be defeated!"

Concerning the "native wine bill," Dr. Hensley stated, "Increased outlets always means increased consumption. With alco-

hol being the number one drug abuse problem and the dramatic rise in teenage drinking and alcoholism, it is terrifying to think of the dangerous consequences of such a law. The 6-ounce sample give-away is like a drug push-

er giving away a free shot of heroin. The lack of controls on sales of such a heavy alcoholic beverage would contribute to innumerable problems including that of creating more 'winos' among our youth. If 'native wine' is going to be manufactured and sold in Mississippi, it should be subject to the same sales controls as other alcoholic beverages of a similar nature. This proposal, if enacted, would be detrimental to the general welfare of the state of Mississippi."

Baptist Pastor . . .

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have as many problems as we do."

Privette, pastor of the Kannapolis church for 14 years, was president of the Christian Action League for five years, 1970-75.

"During that time," he said, "it became obvious that special and vested interests dominated the scene in North Carolina politics. When votes were cast in meetings of committees of the General Assembly, they were usually in favor of high paid lobbyists and their vested interests."

"I began to notice that special interests dominate state commissions," he said.

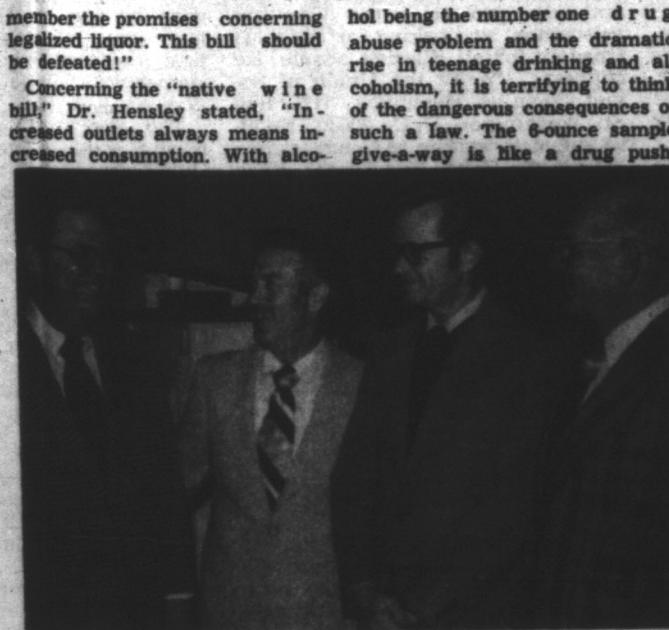
That situation, Privette said, "must be turned around by making state government people-oriented, rather than special interest-oriented."

Privette got the political bit in his teeth during successful efforts by the Christian Action League to fight for "people-oriented, moral, ethical legislation."

Privette, who says support has swelled at both the grass roots and party levels for him to run, admits his toughest victory will be winning the Republican primary because during his involvement in non-partisan issues he hadn't established himself as a party regular.

That test will come in August when the primaries decide the candidates.

What Privette wants to do most is "prove that government can be open and above board. People have lost confidence in our political system and professional politicians."



Mid-Winter Bible Conference

The annual Smith County Association Mid-Winter Bible Conference was held last week at First Church, Raleigh. The pastor, Dr. Robert H. Perry, second from left, visits with the three speakers. They are, left to right, Dr. Fred Wood, pastor of Eudora Baptist Church, Memphis; Dr. Robert L.

Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo; and Dr. James L. Sullivan, recently retired president of the Sunday School Board, a Mississippi native. Dr. Wood discussed Jeremiah; Dr. Hamblin delivered the messages, and Dr. Sullivan discussed John.



Smith Association Director of Missions Charles L. Bryant, right, visits with Martha Branham, Dallas soloist, and Rev. Billy Ballard, left, pastor of Union Baptist

Church and chairman of the Missions Committee for Smith County Association, during the association's annual Mid-Winter Bible Conference.

Literacy Workshop To Be Held At First, Moss Point

The Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the WMU of Jackson Association are sponsoring a Literacy Workshop February 16-19, to be held in First Baptist Church, Moss Point, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day.

According to Rodney Webb, consultant with the Cooperative Missions Department, the purpose of this workshop is to train those who are interested in teaching people how to read and write.

Mrs. Wanda Eckeberger of Pasadena, Texas, will lead the workshop.

Those interested in attending should pre-register with Mrs. Paul Vandercook (phone 497-5919) in Gautier, Ms.



Missionary wives had fun telling about their roles overseas: From left to right are Mrs. Dolton Haggan, Philadelphia, Mississippi; Mrs. John Smith, Indonesia; Mrs. C. W. Applewhite, Indonesia; and Mrs. Hal Lee, France.

GUADELOUPE, Leeward Islands — Baptist women here decided not to wait until a camp was built to have a retreat. In "teen-age slumber party fashion" they met, sleeping on cots, mattresses and pallets, in the home of Southern Baptist Missionary Florence (Mrs. L. Wayne) Frederick. During the 24-hour retreat, the women prepared for neighborhood prayer and Bible study groups which will be implemented soon in their homes. These Bible studies will be part of a program of home studies planned by churches of Guadeloupe to encourage their membership to evangelize their neighbors.

By Barbara Taylor

At the Young Ministers' Wives Retreat at Camp Garaywa recently, there were things old and things new — ideas old and proven and ideas fresh and new, friendships old and re-established and some acquaintances made new.

The retreat, sponsored by Mississippi Woman's Missionary Un-

ion each year, is a time of relaxation, of renewal, and of growth for those who attend.

Mrs. J. Winston Pearce of North Carolina shared treasures of wisdom from experiences she's had as a pastor's wife in cities, in small churches, on college campuses. As Mrs. Pearce discussed the role of pastor's wife with the "under 40s" who came, it was evident in her radiance, her smile, her poise, that she loves her role. And she confirmed

others' wives in the United States? Yes — and no. The problems are there — and the happiness is there. It's the culture, the customs, the language that may be different. Missionary wives at the retreat were Mrs. Dolton Haggan, Philadelphia, Mississippi; Mrs. John Smith, Indonesia; Mrs. C. W. Applewhite, Indonesia; and Mrs. Hal Lee, France. These ladies shared situations similar to those we have — the cooking (though they have very few "convenience"

ents as they teach their children the importance of music.

What's new in fashion for spring? Nell Blakely of Sears, Roebuck Company in Jackson shared with the group the colors that would be popular — and in our Bicentennial year of course red, white, and blue will be unusually good fashion colors. Several models, all employees of Sears, were present to show an array of new styles in new materials and colors. After seeing the



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EDITORIAL

Concern And Action

We live in a day when many things are happening which demand concern and action on the part of Christian people. Speaking in Jackson the week-end of January 25, Congressman John Conlan of Arizona, said that Christians should get involved and that they can get things done. In this issue of the Baptist Record are four stories which call for concern and action. Three of them are in news articles and one is in a letter to the editor. Are we concerned? Do we care? These issues offer us opportunity to act.

1. One of these problems is world hunger. This has been before us for months and even years, but the situation continually grows worse. On page one there is a story and a drawing which calls to Southern Baptists' attention ways in which they can help in feeding hungry people around the world. Most of us never miss a meal, and probably in our homes we waste enough food to keep hungry people alive. Do we care? Are we willing to do something? Southern Baptists are taking action which invites and urges us to do more than we have done or are doing.

2. The second problem which also is pointed up in this issue is the matter of persecution of Christians in some areas of the world. Here in America where we have complete religious freedom it is difficult for us to realize how some of our fellow Christians are suffering. Yet, in many places, and especially in the Soviet Union, Christians are being persecuted for their faith. This story calls attention to the

example of one man, Georgi Vins, a fellow Baptist, who is in a Russian prison for his faith. In recent editorials, Dr. John Hurt, editor of the Baptist Standard in Texas, has shamed Southern Baptists for remaining silent in this matter, when fellow Christians are suffering so terribly. He urges that Baptists everywhere write the Soviet Union embassy, protesting the Vins imprisonment and asking for religious freedom for all Russian people. He suggests, "Write the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, 1125 16th St., Washington, D. C. 20036." He also suggests writing to Congressmen both in the House and Senate. Here is action we can take! Do we have enough concern to do it? Is it all right with us that Russia is persecuting our fellow Baptists?

3. A third problem is pointed up in the Forum. This letter calls attention to the fact that Meredith Corporation in Des Moines, Iowa, publishers of Better Homes and Gardens, is now printing two of the worst of the pornographic publications, and that some workers have been fired because they had convictions which would not allow them to work on such smut. One of those fired was a fellow Baptist, who has been an engraver for the company for twenty four years. He was told that he could come back at any time "but leave your convictions behind." A campaign has been launched by some concerned people, to ask Christians everywhere to protest to the Meredith Corporation by cancelling subscriptions to Better Homes and Gardens. Here is something we can do. Are we enough concerned to do it, or are

we satisfied to allow purveyors of smut to become more and more brazen? We expect that if enough people begin to cancel subscriptions, the Meredith company will take a second look at their contract.

4. A fourth concern in this issue, is found in the article by Dr. Clark Hensley calling attention to the race track bill and the native wine bill now in the hopper at the legislature. Although they have been defeated over and over, the supporters of these measures never give up.

The race track bill sounds innocent since it simply allows the Gulf Coast area to vote on whether it wants to allow horse racing. The problem is that the Gulf Coast is a part of Mississippi, and horse racing on the Gulf Coast is horse racing in Mississippi. We are convinced that the majority of Mississippians do not want it. The wine bill opens the door for the manufacture of wine in the state, and most Mississippians do not want that either. It is probable that the majority of the legislators also know that Mississippians do not want either of these, but they are going to be pressured to pass them. It is because of this that Christian citizens must be alert and ready to make their will known. They should let the legislators know that they strongly oppose these bills and want them to be defeated. If enough Christian citizens speak up they will not pass. Here is an opportunity for Christian action. If we fail to speak up we may find some things approved for our state which we do not at all want. It is not a time for silence.

"YES, WE LIVE UNDER CONSTANT DANGER TO OUR LIVES BECAUSE WE SERVE THE LORD, BUT THIS GIVES US CONSTANT OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW FORTH THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST WITHIN OUR DYING BODIES. BECAUSE OF OUR PREACHING WE FACE DEATH..."
II COR. 4:11,12
(L.B.)



PLIGHT OF OUR MISSIONARIES

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Asks Protest Of Pornographic Publication

Dear Dr. Odle:

Most of your readers are probably unaware that the publisher of the preeminently respectable Better Homes and Gardens magazine is now in the pornography business. Meredith Corporation, its publisher, has entered into a five-year contract to print Viva and Penthouse, two of the vilest publications extant. They are replete with pictures of nude men and women in a variety of poses and sexual activities. The context is as foul as the pictures.

Many of your readers may subscribe to Better Homes and Gardens, an excellent magazine for homemakers with a circulation of eight million and, until now, an unblemished reputation.

Meredith fired at least five employees whose religious convictions would not permit them to participate in the production of this garbage. One engraver, a Baptist 50 years old who had been with the company 24 years, was told to "Come back any time you want to, but leave your convictions at home." Bill Macken and his convictions are still at home.

Subscribers to Better Homes and Gardens who disapprove of pornography and this outrageous economic reprisal against workers because of their religious convictions and consequent aversion to filth, may express their sentiments most effectively by sending their subscription cancellations to Robert A. Burnett, President, Meredith Corporation, 1718 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50336.

Gerald P. McAtee
10 S. Brentwood
Clayton, Mo. 63105

On The MORAL SCENE...

THE COSTS OF KEEPING CONGRESS — Since 1970 consumer prices have risen 39 percent. In Congress, meanwhile, the legislators have raised allowances for staff salaries by 71 percent, 118 percent for stationery supplies, 63 percent for special postage, and 275 percent for rental of district office space. The appropriations for simple operations of the congressional branches (exclusive of joint committees, the Capitol architect, etc.) in fiscal year 1966 was \$102,794,000; while the figure for fiscal year 1976 is \$325,244,000. Why has the rate of inflation for the operation of legislative offices risen so dramatically? One major reason frequently cited is that Congress in recent years has been fighting to keep up with the federal bureaucracy. Another reason is that Americans seem more willing than ever before to seek help from their representation. (By William Taffie, Washington Star Staff Writer, November 13, 1975)

ALIVE IN WELFARELAND — The \$140-billion-a-year federal welfare system is putting tens of thousands of husbands and wives asunder every month. A House committee under Martha Griffiths reported last December, "that in July 1972 a man with a wife and two children who worked at two dollars an hour could increase the income of his family by an average of \$2158 annually by deserting them." Since 1959 the proportion of families without a father has risen 56 percent. It now constitutes a majority of poor families with children. A lot of poor families make a net gain in income of a couple of thousand dollars if the father deserts. Then the mother is eligible for extra benefits—non-taxable. (The New Republic, "TRB" from Washington, October 4, 1975)



Bicentennial Feature

Patrick Henry Wins Freedom For Jailed Baptist Minister

CHESTERFIELD, Va., 1773 — (BP) — Patrick Henry, a noted Baptist defender, secured the freedom of John Weatherford, a Baptist minister who was confined and persecuted in Chesterfield County jail for five months here. Henry, who first gained attention as a defender of Baptists in cases against the state church of Virginia, secured for Weatherford the liberty of the prison grounds, finally won his release, and then paid the evangelist's jail fees. Henry refused to accept payment for his services.

Arrested for preaching without a license from the state church, Weatherford was ordered to give security that he would not preach again in the county. When he refused, he was sentenced to close jail.

After Henry had gained for him the freedom of the prison bonds, Weatherford raised five pounds of gold, wrapped it in a handkerchief, and sent it to the lawyer, asking Henry to secure his release.

Henry won the prisoner's release and returned the handkerchief — with the gold still wrapped inside. But the jailer still refused to release Weatherford because of unpaid jail fees. Unknown to the minister, Henry also removed this barrier and Weatherford was freed.

In jail, Weatherford, continued to preach from his cell window to large crowds, although his opponents slashed his forearms with knives as he gestured through the grating of his window.

Later a stone wall 10-12 feet high was built to keep the crowds away from Weatherford's window. But his powerful voice was easily heard by those outside the wall who signaled when they gathered for a sermon.

During Weatherford's imprisonment, nine persons who were converted under his preaching were baptized one night, to avoid detection and persecution. The ordinance was administered at considerable risk by Rane Chastain, also a Baptist minister, at Weatherford's request.

Natural death is now defined as being killed by an automobile.

Envy provides the mud that failure throws at success.

Usually it is easier to forgive an enemy than a friend.

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruits are sweet.

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NEWEST BOOKS

A RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, Volumes I and II by Sydney E. Ahlstrom (Image Books-Doubleday, pocket book, paper, 700 pp per volume, \$3.50 per volume).

Paperback edition of a set which originally sold for \$25.00. A history of religion and religious influence from the foundations of America to the turbulent sixties. Carefully documented and well interpreted material on all areas of religion in America throughout its history.

ONE NATION UNDER GOD by Raa Walton (Revel, paper, 311 pp., \$3.95).

An examination of the principles which made this "one nation under God," and of the forces which threaten to destroy it today. For example the author reveals what socialism threatens to do to our nation and how Christians can take action to halt its march.

IT IS THEIR RIGHT by James M. Bulman (Gateway Publications, 158 pp., paper, \$2.95, hard cover \$5.95).

The author is a Baptist pastor in North Carolina. In this study he seeks to show what really was declared on July 4, 1776 and its significance in 1976. He examines the people, natural and God-given rights, life, liberty and happiness, the just powers of government, free and independent states, religious concepts in our fundamental documents, and future security. The book reveals that the precious heritage which we have in America is based upon God's Word and discusses what must be done to preserve our freedoms.

THE RIGHT TO REMARRY by Dwight Hervey Small (Revel, 150 pp., \$5.95).

Does the divorced person have a right to remarry? Can a committed Christian ever remarry after a divorce? Is divorce indeed the one remaining unpardonable sin in the church? The author makes the case that there is the right to remarry under the triumph of God's grace. This is a valuable new study of the whole Bible revelation concerning one of the most serious problems of our day.

VIC COBURN: MAN WITH THE HEALING TOUCH by C. A. Roberts (Thomas Nelson, Inc., 204 pp., \$5.95).

The story of a young evangelist on the West Coast who preaches and has healing services. The author seeks to interpret this type of ministry which is practiced by a number of people in our nation today.

THE MEDIA CENTER SERVING A CHURCH by Wayne E. Todd (Convention Press, 125 pp., paper, \$1.25).

The secretary of the Church Library Department of the Sunday School Board, a former Mississippian, explains how the old concept of a church library has been so expanded that now churches can have a "media center" which serve the whole church. The book opens a whole new concept concerning one phase of a church's ministry.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX HANDBOOK FOR CLERGY — For 1975 Returns by Kenneth G. Hungerford II and William C. Slack (Baker, about 75 large pages, paper, \$2.95) A carefully prepared guide-

book for ordained ministers to use in preparing their 1975 Federal Income Tax forms. Covers every bit of the report, including all income, allowances, etc. Samples of all forms are included, showing how they are to be correctly filled out. We have not found a single question concerning income tax that is not fully and clearly discussed here.

LOVETT'S LIGHTS ON ROMANS with rephrased text by C. S. Lovett (Personal Christianity, Box 157, Baldwin Park, CA 91706, paper, 419 pp., \$4.95).

This is one of a series of commentaries on the New Testament written by a California preacher and theologian, Dr. C. S. Lovett. The author seeks to present the deepest riches that scholarship will be able to bring forth, but he has presented the message in such simplified, readable form that the great truths of the book are opened immediately to even the untrained reader. The book is unusual compared with ordinary commentaries, but will prove invaluable to students of the Word.

GODS IN CHARIOTS AND OTHER FANTASIES by Clifford Wilson (Creation-Life Publishers, P. O. Box 15005, San Diego, CA 92115, pocket book, paper 144 pp., \$1.50).

A Bible believing scientist provides a "sensible answer to Von Daniken's Chariot of the Gods." The author shows that one does not have to go to fantastic ideas of things of the past to believe and understand the meaning of history in the light of God's revelation.

'ATSA LOUIE' — I'MA PHIL by the

Palermos with Bernard Palmer (Victor Books, paper, 135 pp., \$2.95) Louie and Phil Palermo "wandering troubadours for Christ," come alive in these pages. "Two Italian boys" originally from Chicago entertainingly write about their Uncle Ben and how he introduced them and all their family to new life in Jesus Christ. They tell of their mother's miraculous healing from terminal cancer, and of their own beginnings in music. They have played and sung in many places around the world, including appearances with Billy Graham and singing to troops in war-torn areas of the world. Currently they are sharing their message through Spaghetti Spectaculars. This humorous, heartwarming and unforgettable book is profusely illustrated with black and white photographs of the Palermo family.

THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD by Brother Lawrence edited and paraphrased by Donald E. Demaray (Baker, pocket book, paper, 64 pp., \$1.25).

An old classic is written for our modern day. Brother Lawrence was a monk in the 17th century whose life and letters have inspired many generations in practicing the presence of God.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD by Arthur Simon (Paullist Press and Wm. E. Eerdmans, paper, \$1.50, 177 pp.) The author gives a clear and convincing analysis in popular language, of the world hunger crisis, and points out some things that American Christians can do to meet that issue. (Mr. Simon is Executive Director of Bread for the World.)

THE ART AND CRAFT OF PREACHING by Herbert Lockyer (Baker, paper, \$3.95, 118 pp.) This author believes that effective preaching is not only an art that good preachers develop, but that it is also an art that requires constant cultivation. Chapters of this new book point the way to success in sermon delivery, sermon construction, pulpit style, praying in public, Scripture reading, and the avoidance of perils that commonly confront ministers.

PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS by George Swesey (Premises - Hall 339 pp., \$10.95).

A professor of homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary, writes a textbook on preaching. He deals with the basics, the technique, the material, the subjects and their participants.

BEYOND THE GOAL by Kyle Rote, Jr. with Ronald Patterson (Word, 120 pp., \$5.95).

The story of Kyle Rote, outstanding soccer player, whose three loves of life are his God, his family, and his friends. One of the many books now appearing on Christian athletes.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD by

William Taylor (Baker, 318 pp., \$3.95). Paperback reprint of a preaching classic, the Lyman Beecher lectures of 1876 at Yale Seminary.

HAPPINESS IS A FAMILY TIME TO-

GETHER by Lois Beck and Mimi Working (Fleming H. Revell, paper, 160 pp., \$4.95) Two Christian mothers set out to improve the quality of their family life. They succeeded in finding a special time at least once a week for family togetherness. They share their discoveries in this book, giving 25 challenging sessions of Family Sharing (dialogue and scripture readings), Family Fun (enjoyable exercises and activities) and Together Before God (informal prayers.)

A SPECIAL KIND OF MAN by Har-

ley Dickson (Word Books, \$4.95, 133 pp.) Harley Dickson introduces the reader to a thoroughly human Jesus. In the hope that the reader, like the author, will embark on a journey to faith, and a deeper personal relationship with him as divine Lord.

SELF-LOVE by Robert H. Schuller (Spire Books, \$1.50, paper, 160 pp.) Mr. Schuller, pastor of the first drive-in, walk-in church and author of the million-plus bestseller, Move Ahead with Possibility Thinking, outlines a new, startlingly simple formula for success. He maintains that learning to love yourself is the secret of happiness in life, in love, in everything you do.

WORKING WORLD by Martha Nelson (Broadman, paper, \$1.50, 141 pp.) This is a new paperback edition of the hardcover book released in 1970. The author, wife of Rev. Carl Nelson, pastor of Pelahatchie, Mississippi, gives helpful advice and encouragement as she deals with the special problems — and opportunities — of working women. Here is valuable information on attitude, appearance, conduct, opportunities to witness and counsel. Here too are ideas on maintaining that crucial balance between the job and home.

Thursday, February 5, 1976

A Plea To Churches For The Pastor's Salary

By Ralph Duncan

Most Baptist churches need a full-time pastor located in their community. But he has to live! Christian people are as responsible to meet their pastor's money needs as he is to provide the church's spiritual ministry.

I Corinthians 9:13-14 says, "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

When a pastor assumes the responsibilities of church leadership he must keep an automobile that will start when necessary. He also needs to dress presentably enough to make a positive impression in public places.

He must provide schooling and medical care for himself and his family. If he does not have maximum hospitalization and other insurance, he is flirting with disaster.

Many pastors I know provide their churches' official transportation. Constantly they go, go, go on church business, visiting, witnessing, recruiting and attending meetings.

A few years ago a highly respected city mission superintendent said to me, "About the only way a church in my city will give a pastor a raise is when they call a new pastor on the field."

Sometimes fringe benefits, such as paid vacations, hospital, life insurance, and retirement benefits will equal one-half of industrial workers' incomes. Thus, fringe benefits would likewise be a significant part of a pastor's income!

I know a pastor who for four years, making severe sacrifices, served a small, but fast growing, Southern Baptist Convention church in a "pioneer area." Strangely, many new members of the church for two years were opposed by older church leaders in a strong attempt to give the pastor a salary increase. (At that time the church had a \$2,000 monthly balance in its general fund.) But that same church raised their new pastor's annual salary \$2,000. The increase helped the new pastor. But it took the former pastor two years to recover from dollar losses he had incurred while serving that

church.

Occasionally some churches go far above others in their efforts to provide for their pastor and his family. However, even these may become slack and what previously was an adequate income may become only existence wages.

Dr. Hal D. Bennett, long-time Baptist minister, said, "Some churches . . . don't really intend to deprive their pastor. They don't plan to force him into debt. They don't deliberately set out to make him so money-conscious that he has to look around for a place to serve, 'where I am more appreciated.' They don't meet his needs because they can hardly believe such day-to-day obligations exist for one of God's special men." But the needs do exist! And unless many churches immediately come to the financial rescue of their pastors, it is this writer's opinion that several hundred Baptist pastors will be forced to leave the full-time pastorate within the next twelve months.

Facing the financial facts of life seldom is easy for an individual or a church. And for a church to admit failure to provide an adequate salary for its pastor is a painful lesson in humility for its leaders. But it's better for church leaders to be humbled than for God's man to suffer and annually take cuts in his salary.

That's what I said. . . cuts in salary! A church that has not given its pastor a raise of at least twenty per cent during the past 2-3 years has cut the man's wages due to the continuing rise of in-

flation.

Church leaders, if you are concerned about your pastor's welfare, appoint a committee that will honestly evaluate his needs. Determine his annual income and compare it to the income of respected leaders in the church. Try to get an accurate estimate of the number of miles your pastor drives his car per year on church business. Then, accept the hard fact that it costs the pastor at least 12c per mile for the mileage he expends on church business. (I know numerous pastors who drive 20,000 miles per year on church business, but it is a rare and fortunate minister who receives \$2,400 per year car allowance above his basic salary.)

When the study is completed, several options are open to the church. The most obvious one: give the pastor a raise! Other alternatives include two churches being served by one pastor. Or a non-resident student pastor may be the best possible compromise.

A long held axiom in Baptist life should still hold true. Namely, that when Baptist people recognize a need they become concerned about it and do something about it. Some churches recently have done positive soul searching in respect to their pastor's salary. Has yours?

(Mr. Duncan is director of development and denominational relations for Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky.)

'Living Testimony'

The State Baptist Papers

By Robert V. Roberts

WAKE FOREST, N. C. — The colors vary, the size is not always the same, and the names are individualized, but the Baptist state papers are very much alike.

It matters not where you live, if you are a Southern Baptist you have something in common with fellow Southern Baptists in other states besides the Cooperative Program and doctrine. You have your state paper.

Some of the papers are printed in newspaper style while others are published in magazine form. Some are loose leaf and others are stapled. They usually range in length from 8 to 24 pages.

In some, the paperstock is slick. In others it is dull and coarse. But one thing is common—all of the papers are distinctively Baptist. From the front to the back, the papers are oriented toward Southern Baptists.

Basically the SBC news is the same in all the papers. All contain announcements of local, state and SBC matters. All have editorials and public forums (letters to the editor).

The papers carry varied advertising, this also oriented toward church people.

The papers contain the next Sunday School lesson, usually including both the Life and Work and the International Series.

There are lead articles, doctrinal messages, devotional columns, and sometimes cartoons and joke columns.

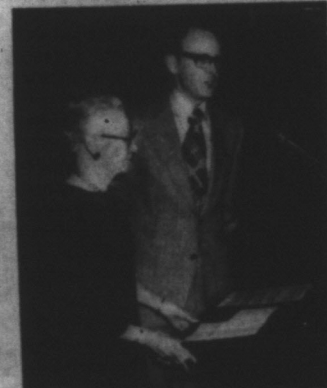
The papers are full of the names of people and pictures of people

and places, with current news from around the state and the nation.

It is amazing how each state is independent and yet produces a publication similar to all the other Baptist papers. If a Southern Baptist moved from Oregon to Georgia or from Virginia to California, he would feel right at home with his new state paper.

The Baptist state papers illus-

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A Long-Time Reader

Miss Carrie Luke, 88, has been reading the Illinois Baptist state paper since 1905. Shown with the paper's editor Robert J. Hastings, Miss Luke taught Sunday School until she was 85 and taught teenagers in Vacation Bible School when she was 80. The weekly newspaper recently observed its 70th anniversary and recognized Miss Luke's long-time faithfulness to the publication. (BP) Photo by John Whitman.



OUT GEORGE-ING GEORGE at William Carey College's 1976 Homecoming on January 31 was Dr. Milton Wheeler, chairman of the department of history and social science. Dr. Wheeler, featured speaker for the alumni luncheon, was selected to receive the 1976 "Outstanding Alumnus of the Year" award.

Patriotic Prof Is Chosen Carey Alumnus Of Year

By Marjorie Rowden

Not many young men in their early thirties would ask their parents for an authentic George Washington uniform, but then Dr. Milton Wheeler of William Carey College is not just an ordinary young man. Asked by his parents of Mobile, several years ago, what he wanted for his birthday, Dr. Wheeler replied, "I'd love to have a professional costume-maker outfit me in an American Revolution General's uniform — like that worn by General Washington — complete with wig and all!"

Now age 36 and chairman of the department of history and social science, Dr. Wheeler had a chance on January 31, to wear his outfit and help alumni attending the annual Homecoming festivities celebrate the bicentennial year. Chosen by his fellow former students to receive the 1976 Alumnus of the Year Award, Dr. Wheeler has been asked to make the official address at the gala annual luncheon.

From Mobile, he graduated in history from William Carey Col-

lege in 1961. He won a coveted Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and entered Tulane for graduate studies. In 1963 he joined the faculty of his Alma Mater, William Carey College, and except for a year's leave of absence to complete his PhD, he has continued at his post. In 1968 he became head of the department. His dissertation was on the Revolutionary period in American history.

Married to the former Donna Duck of Bay Minette, Alabama, he is sponsor for the freshman-sophomore honors program, sponsored for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, representative of the Southern States Athletic Conference, state faculty advisor for Baptist Student Union, and recently was elected president of the newly-formed Carey Faculty Senate.

An active Rotarian, Dr. Wheeler is a charter member of the Petal Rotary Club. In 1974 he was selected as one of six young men to be sent to Australia for a cultural exchange program by the District No. 684 Rotarian organization. He was one of the official hosts last year for a distinguished delegation of Rotarians from India.

Student tours abroad are a favorite activity for Dr. Wheeler. He has directed study groups to Europe regularly for the past several summers and has just returned from a week's tour of London. Travel in the States is exciting to Dr. Wheeler, and when time and circumstances permit he takes students on field trips to battle grounds—where they camp out!—and to historic spots of interest around the country. "Just keeping up with Dr. Wheeler when he's leading a tour is a major task — but a great one!", comments his pack of followers.

"The alumni could not have selected anyone more deserving of the honor and more in keeping with the bicentennial year than Milton Wheeler," commented Dr. Ralph Noonkester. "Patriotism seems to run in his blood. And the best part is that his enthusiasm spills over on all who know and love him."



Homecoming Queen

Susan Rayburn was named HOMECOMING QUEEN for 1976 at William Carey College. A senior music major, she reigned over festivities Saturday, January 31, and was crowned by President J. Ralph Noonkester during a half-time ceremony of the homecoming basketball game between the Carey Crusaders and Montevallo College. Susan is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Tom F. Rayburn of Booneville, Mississippi.

Board Adopts Report For Plan Of Advance

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board adopted a study report of its plan of advance for the next 25 years and appropriated \$20,000 for world relief during its January meeting here.

The contents of the report, which culminates a self-study the board has made throughout most of 1975, will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, which meets Feb. 16-18 in Nashville. It will go to the full SBC annual meeting, June 15-17, in Norfolk, Va.

Also, a missions challenge committee, including representatives of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and members appointed by the SBC president, will report to the Executive Committee and then to the full SBC, according to Baker J. Cauthen, the Foreign Mission Board's executive secretary. He said that committee has been working parallel to studies by the two mission boards.

"It is our firm belief that much good will have been accomplished and the cause of missions at home and abroad greatly strengthened," commented Cauthen of the studies, which, he said, have involved input from a wide area of SBC life. "We also anticipate that there will be an underscoring of the basic support of mis-

CHACHEUNGSAO, Thailand — Rosemary Spessard, Southern Baptist missionary to Thailand, was injured in a car accident while returning to her home in ChacheungSao from Bangkok on Christmas Eve night. Miss Spessard hit a tractor that didn't have lights or reflectors. She suffered a concussion, chest bruises and a broken bone in her foot. After a four-day stay in the Bangkok Baptist Hospital, Miss Spessard began recuperation at home.

sions through the Cooperative Program (SBC unified budget) and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and that missionary education will be given new emphasis," he added.

In other action, the board appropriated \$10,000 from relief funds for needs in Lebanon resulting from that country's civil war, appropriated \$10,000 from relief funds through the Baptist World Alliance, and awarded a medical receptionship to George W. Williams, a student at the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta. A medical receptionship is an arrangement in which the board provides short-term overseas opportunities for qualified medical students.

SCRAPBOOK

Winter's Gifts

In winter's gift of frost
The house tops look like snow
And glisten in the early sun,
As birds fit to and fro.
The bare crepe myrtle trees
With lacy branches sway,
Equidistant silhouettes
No artist could portray.
Every dew drop is a diamond,
And we're heirs of the King of Kings
If we belong to him
Who made all things.

—Victoria Singley

And Another And Another

I know that one can't do everything,
But one can do something.
Even if it's just a little something.
Turn the eye of your soul toward,
But only for a moment.
Just long enough to take hold of the star of your soul.
And hold it high.
Then turn the eye of your soul outward,
And look beyond yourself.
At the others.
And that could be the whole of it.
One grain of sand,
And another and another and another
Make a beach.
One blade of grass,

A Warm Spell

There comes a fall in the winter,
And sunny Mississippi bares her arms.
That's the moment for a stroll along the lake.
Golden flat grass and brush, like trees, are not awake.
The edge wood yields her paths, which are many and diverse.
Lake water lounges, resting. Waves barely immerse,
And I, walking, abandon troubled trouble.
Winter is not winter all the time.

—Violet Tackett

And another and another and another
Make a lawn.
One sturdy tree,
And another and another and another
Make a forest.
And you can join those others
Whom lives you touch every day,
And you can show them
That "Can I Help?" and "I Understand"
Are not obsolete.
And that a smile, a word, a touch,
Can bind you to me and me to you,
And all of us to each other.
And as small as they are
They may one day
Even tie
The world together. — Bruce Sledge

Memories Of A Home In Mississippi

By Beatrice Carter

As the golden sun was slowly sinking in the western horizon, I stood by a gate reminiscing. Near that gate is an old house,

Then I visualized the gypsy blood of autumn when night draws her velvet curtain a bit earlier and the air has become crisper.

To my memory comes rushing images of loved ones and of friends so dear — of my youth — that are treasured beyond comprehension.

In this old house there is no

Winter Pool

The limpid pool lies sleeping
With beauty by its side
The willows bend their weeping
The waves give little sighs

Names In The News

Tommy Martin was licensed to preach by First Church, Mt. Olive, on January 11.



He is the son of Mrs. Sarah and the late Mr. L. V. Martin of Mt. Olive. A graduate of Mt. Olive High School, he is a sophomore at Jones Junior College. He plans to enter Mississippi College next semester.

Rev. Foy Killingsworth is his pastor.

Rev. Frank Stringer was ordained to the ministry recently by New Home Church, Smith County. Mr. Stringer recently retired from the Armed services and was called as past or Spring Cottage Church at Columbia. Rev. Eddie Bryant, pastor of New Home, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. Ben Carlisle gave the charge. Claiborne Stringer presented a Bible as a gift from members of New Home Church.



Dr. David R. Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, is author of an article in the February issue of Church Administration, entitled "How to Build a Church Staff."

Rev. Carlton McJeer has accepted the call to become pastor of Mt. Vernon Church, Holmes County. Recently licensed by the Pickens Church, he lives in Pickens with his wife, Anna. He is a student at Holmes Junior College. His ordination service is scheduled at Mt. Vernon on February 8 at the evening service.

Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College, will have a leading role in a three-day workshop on "Building A Successful Development Team - Trustees, President, Development Staff, Volunteers," in the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois, February 11-13.



Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Davis, newly appointed missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived on the field (address: 2444 Taft Ave., Manila, Philippines).

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cooper, missionaries to Korea, are the parents of a daughter, Jennifer Dawn, born Dec. 22, 1975. They may be addressed at 204 Third Ave., Andalusia, Ala. 36620.



Rev. Edwin Sudduth has accepted the position of associate pastor of Fairview Church, Sunflower County, and began January 18. Fairview honored Mr. and Mrs. Sudduth, above, with a fellowship and an "old fashioned pounding." The couple will continue to reside in Indianola where Mrs. Sudduth, the former Ruth Brasseal of Vicksburg, is employed by Dr. Tom Martin. For the past year Mr. Sudduth has served Eastwood, Indianola, as part-time minister of music while teaching piano. He was recently ordained by his home church, First Church, Durant. Rev. Tom Gilder is pastor of Fairview.



APPRECIATION PLAQUES — Students in the Mississippi College School of Law presented plaques of appreciation to Mrs. Mary Libby Payne, interim dean and associate professor of law, and to Mrs. Kathy Barefoot, admissions officer, for their work during the first semester of operation. From the left are Paul Dhalliwal and Nancy Ruhl, law students who made the presentations; Mrs. Payne; Mrs. Barefoot; and Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college. (M.C. Phone to Ronnie Killebrew)

Larry Hardy, from Water Valley, has recently taken the position of music director of Friendship Church at Geeslin Corner. Mr. Hardy, who is working at Radio Station WVLV in Water Valley, graduated from Northwest Jr. College and formerly was youth and music director for Second Baptist Church in Water Valley.



Mr. and Mrs. O. Errol Simmons, missionaries to Spain, are the parents of a son, William Timothy, born Dec. 20, 1975. They may be addressed at Antonio Covero 17, Madrid 33, Spain.

Debs Hollifield, father of Robert A. Hollifield, missionary to Italy, died Jan. 10 in Laurel, Miss. Missionary Hollifield (native of Jones County, Miss.) may be addressed at Via Cassia 901-B10, 00189 Rome, Italy.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Deevers, newly appointed missionaries to the Ivory Coast, have arrived in France for a year's language study (address: 250 Avenue Grammont, 37000 Tours, France).

Rev. James Beck, pastor of West Union Church, Carriere, has been included in the 1976 listings of "Outstanding Young Men of America." A William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary graduate, he is a native of Louisiana. Married and the father of two daughters, he was named "Best Citizen" at Carey in 1974.

Joelle Davis, seven month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Davis, Jr. of Lumberton, has been in Sunday School every Sunday for six months, at First Church, Lumberton. Joelle is the youngest member ever to receive an attendance award at First, Lumberton.



She was born May 17, 1975 and started attending Sunday School June 15 when she was four weeks old and has not missed a Sunday since.

Joelle was welcomed into the Davis family by two sisters, Pam, 13, and Allison, 11, who also attend Sunday School every Sunday.

Dallas King, retired mail carrier in Potts Camp, retired in December, 1975, as an active deacon at Potts Camp Church. The church has elected him as deacon emeritus, a fitting tribute to 26 years of service, the pastor, Dr. James Travis, said. Mr. King, a native of Marshall County, brought to the church problems the same wise leadership that led him to the district governorship of the Lions, 1961-62, and membership on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Jackson for six years. While seeking relief from administrative duties because of his health, Mr. King assured the church that he intended to continue serving as a Bible class teacher.

Prayer Lift For Pastors February 8-14

Choctaw Association

Feb. 8

Rev. W. T. Holloway, Clear Springs

Rev. B. B. McGee, Concord

Rev. Wayne Howard, Covenant

Rev. John Strickland, Crepe Creek

Rev. Willie Richardson, Fellowship

Feb. 9

Rev. J. B. Smith, Fentress

Rev. J. A. McMullan, French Camp

Rev. Joe Hunt, Hopewell

Rev. Donald Riley, Mt. Moriah

Rev. Carlos Criswell, New Zion

Feb. 10

Rev. A. P. Gilder, Wood Springs

Rev. Dell Strickland, Cross Roads

Feb. 11

Rev. John Campbell, Center Ridge

Rev. L. J. Fairchild, Desoto

Rev. W. E. Greene, Eddins Memorial

Rev. T. E. Williams, Pleasant Grove East

Rev. Billy Whitaker, Elm

Feb. 12

Rev. Taylor Wallace, Enterprise

Rev. Edward Perrett, Stonewall

Rev. D. R. Wood, McGuffee, Harmony

Rev. B. H. Bennett, Hebron Ridge

Rev. W. L. Chatham, Hepzibah

Feb. 13

Rev. Harold McInnis, Knights Valley

Rev. Leland Goodman, Mont Rose

Rev. Herman Clark, Northrup Chapel

Rev. Hollis Hix, Oak Grove

Rev. Roger McGrew, Pachuta

Feb. 14

Rev. Bruce Harvey, Phalt

Rev. Edward Parker, Pine Grove

Rev. Thomas Goza, Pine Hill

Rev. Ed North, Quitman, First

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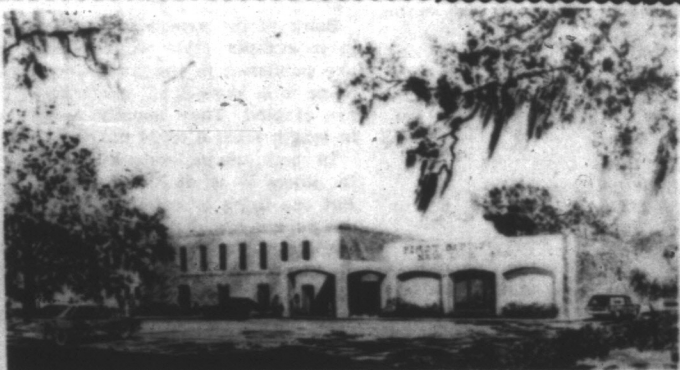
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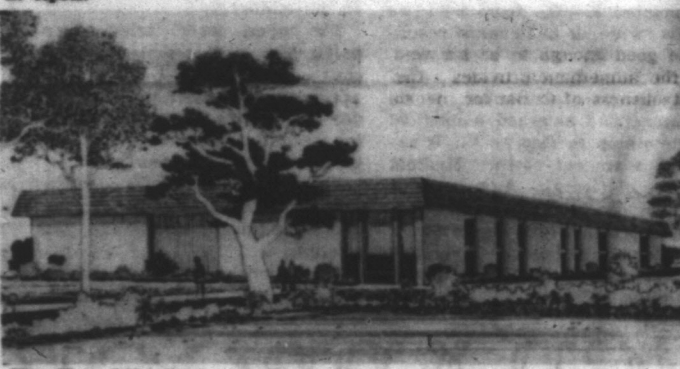
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First, Biloxi Adds Two New Buildings

First Church, Biloxi has launched a major expansion program with the erection of two new buildings. Several years of preparation have preceded construction. During this time, a "Together We Build" program was conducted.

The Activities Building should be completed sometime in April. It contains a full size gymnasium with the new multi-purpose Tarkett floor that will also be used for skating. This building has two floors of classroom space, game rooms, and offices. It will house a Youth Department.

The New Life Center is a two story educational facility and a one story fellowship hall and kitchen area. Mose Dangerfield, minister of education, prepared the space design for this building that will provide for adults, children and some pre-schoolers. In addition there will be a chapel, fellowship hall and a modern kitchen that will feature a walk-in cooler and freezer. It will take about one year to complete this building.

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February 6

Plant A Tree On Arbor Day

By Kate Durham Morgan
Trees are special to me, and always have been, from the first ones my rope swing hung from, and into whose lower limbs my toes disappeared as I swung back and forth.

If I take time to enjoy them, they entertain me in a variety of ways. While they are still, they seem painted into the landscape of blue sky and white clouds, the trunks reaching from the ground up to the slender tops, straight and strong. Their many limbs reach out at regular or irregular intervals from the trunks, trimmed with green, green leaves up and down the dark limbs. Just an every day, ordinary tree in its stillness is beautiful.

A gentle wind comes along and the leaves twirl and flutter, each its own way. The wind increases a bit and the limbs join in on the gala affair gracefully swaying, up and down or to and fro accompanied by the quiet sound of fluttering leaves playing with the wind.

Leaves at the fall season have a voice peculiar to themselves. Before fall really comes, we hear people saying, "The trees sound

like fall, don't they?" On an unroofed patio I looked up into the maze of limbs and leaves, and am rewarded by the arrival of a bird. A mockingbird has stopped to rest a bit on the way down to the creek. A bluejay has paused on a lower limb to eat the juicy worm he has just outsmarted.

You can never be poor if you love trees. They provide a sense of security. They are there, among all of life's comings and goings, in winter, summer; day and night; the rain and the sun, standing tall in the same place where they have always stood. Minor changes of seasons come over them and are soon gone—brilliant colors of autumn, majestic bareness of winter, tender green of spring, mature green of summer. But what of these changes? They are to be enjoyed, to avoid a monotonous existence.

And so with ME life is never the same; can I be as stable as a tree?

I may not be able to buy a beautiful picture, or more than one to vary the scene, but my trees are my pictures. Rich am I because my windows look out on trees.

By Theo E. Sommerkamp
He earned a bachelor's degree in 48, his first academic attainment. Three years later, he followed it with a master's degree in the same field. As part of the master's program, he presented a thesis on church pension plans, the first ever written in this field.

When Southern Baptists asked one of their agencies to consider providing life and health insurance for ministers, he launched

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Conferences To Be At Ridgecrest, Glorieta For Sunday School Workers With The Deaf

Two conferences will be held at each conference center during the summer of 1976 for Sunday School workers with deaf persons. Conferences for Sunday School workers with deaf children, Grades 1-8, will be held during both Sunday School leadership weeks at both conference centers: Glorieta (1) June 16-23; (2) June 26-July 2; Ridgecrest (1) July 17-23; (2) July 24-30. The leader will be Ginny Davis, Children's Section, Sunday School Department, Sunday School Board.

Two of the emphases will be: Interpretation of New Sunday School Literature for Deaf Children; Conference on Children's Work.

Conferences for Sunday School workers with deaf adults will be

held during the second Sunday School week at both conference centers: Glorieta — June 26 to July 2; Ridgecrest — July 24-30. The leader will be Mrs. Doris C. Swann, Adult Section, Sunday School Department, Sunday School Board, assisted by Louis A. Beard, Humble, Texas.

Two of the emphases will be: How to Prepare to Teach a Lesson; How to Make Learning Aids to Help You Teach.

All general sessions will be interpreted under the direction of Mrs. Louis A. Beard, Humble, Texas, at Glorieta; Mrs. Barbara Porter and Mrs. Joyce Smith, Ridgecrest.

Hymn Interpreting and Choir Special will be part of the conference at both conference centers.

Fox Plans Annuity Board Retirement In February

the program to meet the Convention's request.

A Kentuckian turned Texan, he "swapped even" in a trade of residences in two cities when moving from Louisville to a new position in Dallas.

His oldest son also became an ordained minister, specialized in church music, and wrote words and music for "I'll Tell the World."

His only daughter married a Southern Baptist preacher, and his other son copied his father, entering the insurance business.

These are a few of the major highlights of the life of Baynard F. Fox, a "who's who" of Southern Baptist in retirement and insurance protection.

Baynard F. Fox retires from his position at the Annuity Board at the end of February, 1976, after helping administer the retirement and insurance protection for the denomination's ministers and church and denominational employees for nearly 30 years.

When Kentucky Baptist leaders were looking for someone to employ in the new state annuity post, a friend suggested they talk to Fox. Fox came to Dallas in 1964 as the Annuity Board began a new type of ministry — group life and health insurance for ministers.

In his new Dallas position as director of the life and health benefits department, Fox found the office swamped with applications from ministers. "In one weekend alone, working from dawn to near midnight each day, I personally processed about 5,500 applications," he remembers.

In 1970, Fox took yet another position in the Annuity Board office — that of director of development, marketing retirement and insurance plans for ministers and church workers. Two years before his retirement, Fox moved into the research area. He made surveys to help the Board increase the use of plans by pastors of churches with less than 200 members, where the need for retirement protection is greatest.

Advanced sign language (Ridgecrest only) will be taught by Mrs. Barbara Porter.

Write for information about reservations: Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 8, Glorieta, New Mexico 87535; Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, North Carolina 28770.



Only Clergyman To Sign Declaration Of Independence

Of the 56 men to sign the Declaration of Independence, only one clergyman affixed his signature to the document. He was John Witherspoon, then the president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) and a leader of the Presbyterian Church in the colonies.

Born in Scotland in 1723, John Witherspoon came to New Jersey in 1768 to head the college. In America he promoted the growth of the Presbyterian Church, often heading its General Assembly. Despite his original feeling that the clergy should avoid politics, he accepted a position as delegate from New Jersey to the Continental Congress. He sat in Congress almost continuously from 1776 to 1782 and wrote much, in behalf of the Revolution. (RNS Photo)



A Signer Declares

There is a tide in the affairs of men, a nick of time. We perceive it now before us. To hesitate is to consent to our own slavery.

That noble instrument upon your table, that insures immortality to its author, should be subscribed this very morning by every pen in this house. He that will not respond to its accents, and strain every nerve to carry into effect its provisions, is unworthy of the name of free man.

For my own part, of property, I have some; of reputation, more. That reputation is staked, that property is pledged on the issue of this contest; and although these grey hairs must soon descend to the sepulcher, I would infinitely rather that they descend thither by the hand of the executioner than desert at this crisis the sacred cause of my country. — John Witherspoon

Youth Ministry Couples Meeting Set At Glorieta

NASHVILLE — A "Couples in Youth Ministry Workshop" will be held February 23-27 at Glorieta, according to Bob R. Taylor, workshop director.

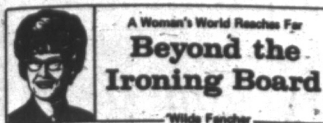
Sponsored by the Sunday School Board's church administration department, the workshop is designed for both husband and wife involved in youth ministry. Both must attend the workshop.

The content for the workshop will revolve around the themes "Improving Leadership Skills in Youth Ministry" and "Strengthening Personal Relationships in Marriage," says Taylor, consultant in youth ministry coordination in the board's pastoral ministeries section.

Total cost of the workshop is \$150 for each couple. The fee includes four nights' lodging, supplies, and travel and medical insurance (to, from and on the conference grounds).

A \$28 deposit should be sent to the Church Program Training Center (CPTC), Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234. The additional \$122 will be paid at the beginning of the workshop at Glorieta. The workshop will be limited to 25 couples.

A similar workshop will be conducted at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, September 20-24.



Sunday, January 11 was one of those days I just must tell you about. For nearly a month all six of our family had been in and out at home — judging from holes in the pantry and freezer, to say nothing of the dirty dishes and clothes, I'd say mostly IN — for the holidays. A very pleasant time, there'd been no international incidents and hardly any squirmishes, an unusual record around our place.

I'd been a good Saturday night mother and had everything ready for a good Sunday because the holiday gathering would begin to disperse when Bobby and Nan left after lunch. I remembered many Saturday nights when I'd polished three pairs of shoes, fixed three offering envelopes, etc. Then, two. Then, one. Then, none. Boys grow on up, you know.

Sunday morning everybody's schedule was well in mind and hand. We called the youngest, Jim, who goes to early church with me. He said, "Oh, I think I'll go to late church." We'd left all of them in the den after midnight, and knew they'd been up very late. So, that was fine.

I scooted on to church to get ready for choir. When I walked by the sanctuary at 5 till 8 I heard the gorgeous sounds of the Notations as they rehearsed. I flew to the phone, "James, get Jim up. The Notations are singing." Church starts at 8:20.

Furious. At Jim. And at myself. I said, "Lord, I am so furious I cannot possibly go out there and act decent, so I'm not going to sing." I sat down in the choir room. Finally, I went to the Notations director and said, "Is Jim out there yet?"

He said, "No, I was about to call. Is he coming?"

"Yes," I said, "but you needn't say anything to him. I'll take care of him." I guess he figured my wrath would overly take care of Jim.

Suddenly I was exhausted — all my work to make Sunday a very good day, and I had overlooked one of my usual Saturday night rituals: Jim, what all do you have to do at church tomorrow? Everything lined up?

In the choir room, as we sang our warm-up hymns, words jumped out at me: Refresh Thy people on their weary way... Lo, I am with you always.

Even, Lord, when, if I could get my hands on Jim, right now, I'd shake his teeth out? Course, I'd have to climb up in a chair, he's so tall.

"Yes, I am with you always, even unto the temptation to shake your boy's teeth out."

Practically every word we sang spoke to me. My spirit calmed, and the Notations, with one very sleepy-eyed bass, sang beautifully, and I took care of him, by hugging his neck as I said, "I'm sorry one of the facts of life is that children are somewhat like their parents. Your Dad and I have been known to forget."

To the Lord I added, Thanks for being with me always. As much money as we have in his teeth, I guess shaking them out would be rather foolish, to say nothing of what it would do to his heart if I shook them that hard.

To myself, I added, Mamas probably never get away from having to polish an occasional pair of shoes on a Saturday night.

Revival Dates

First, Biloxi: February 15-20; Dr. Ed Young, pastor, First Church, Columbia, S. C., evangelist; Jamall Badry, Oklahoma City, in charge of music; 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Sunday School Lesson: International

Contrasting Responses Of Faith

By Wm. J. Fallis
Matthew 14-15

Both stories of this lesson can be found also in Mark. Since most New Testament scholars are convinced that Mark was written earlier, we can say that it was one of Matthew's sources, in fact, the main one. While some verses are almost identical, Matthew made changes to suit the purpose of his Gospel. He also added other material not in Mark. For instance, while both Mark and John tell about Jesus walking on the water, only Matthew tells about Peter's attempt to do the same thing. Matthew tells us more about Peter than any of the other Gospels, probably based on a collection of stories not available to the other writers. The Spirit of God led Matthew to use the memories and writings of others, to provide a wonderful interpretation of the King and the kingdom.

The Lesson Explained
The Peak Of His Popularity

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

The Tragedy Of Rejection

By Bill Duncan
Matthew 22:1-14

Weddings are occasions of joy and happiness. Each year I conduct many weddings and I would not take anything for the occasion of presiding over such wonderful times. I share with every bride and groom several things that will help them keep joy in the marriage ceremony. (1) There is "no such thing" as a little wedding. They are all "big" weddings for them and their families. (2) The wedding is a sacred occasion. (3) The plans, the preparation, the anxiety, the work are all worth it when you look back through the years.

There are two ideas I share with the couple as they make their plans that have bearing on the great parable of the Marriage Feast. (1) The couple should make sure the invitations are clear in regard to the wedding events — such as, the rehearsal supper. (2) I want to know what I am to wear. I do not want to be "out of place" by what I have on.

The parable of the wedding feast was intended to be an occasion of joy and fulfillment, but for some it was not. The note of tragedy was struck because some refused to come to the heavenly occasion. The parable tells of one who came but was asked to leave because he had not made adequate preparation and had not considered the sacredness of the occasion.

That which was intended to be happy turned out to be tragic because of the rejection of men. That is a powerful idea. As one studies the parable and all the word of God, this lesson becomes most important.

God never condemns man until after man has turned his back upon him. Thus, God does not reject man but man rejects God's invitation to life. Israel rejected God and was thereby rejected. The judgment of God was neither accidental nor was it a malicious decision by God for no reason at all. Jesus came in love and was murdered. The judgment of God is based upon what man does with

In 14:19-21 we have the story of Jesus feeding five thousand men, plus women and children. In the next verse Matthew says, "Jesus constrained his disciples to get in a ship" to go back across the lake. Why did he make them leave him? We have the answer in John's Gospel. The multitude saw in Jesus' ability to feed them — and probably also his miraculous acts of healing — the resources for a successful earthly ruler. They were ready "to make him a king" (John 6:15). The disciples might have encouraged them. Peter Falls His Own Test Verses 14:25-33

As the disciples rowed across the lake, a westerly wind churned up the waves. They were having a hard time in the darkness when they suddenly saw something or somebody out on the water. Thinking it was a ghost, they screamed in terror. Then Jesus identified himself. Quickly over his fear, Peter was ready to show his cour-

age and faith. If the Master could walk on water, his command could support a disciple in doing the same thing. But Peter had more ambition than faith, and Jesus had to save him from going under. Notice that Jesus did not rebuke Peter's brashness but his deficient faith.

Notice that when the two got into the boat, the wind died down. In that awesome quietness, the disciples showed in some way how they felt about Jesus. "The Son of God" was too much for their little minds — and our own.

A Gentle Woman Shows Real Faith Verses 15:21-28

When Pharisees came from Jerusalem to Capernaum (probably) and accused Jesus' disciples of violating the "tradition of the elders" about ceremonial cleanliness, Jesus responded that men are not contaminated by what they touch but by what comes from their mouths and

hearts. This struck at their attitudes toward Gentiles and Samaritans.

Then Jesus went into Gentile territory, and a Canaanite woman (Mark calls her a Syrophenician, a native of Syria's coastland) begged Jesus for mercy on her demon-possessed daughter. When Jesus did not answer, his disciples urged him to send her away because she had continued calling out to them. Only Matthew records Jesus' comment in verse 24; it is a hard saying, but it must be interpreted in light of Jesus' attitude toward all people as well as the thrust of the Great Commission.

But the woman did not give up; she still pled: "Lord, help me." Even when he mentioned children's bread and dogs, she turned the comparison to her own advantage. She was willing to face any testing if the "son of David" would show mercy on her suffering daughter. Jesus not only commended her highly for her faith but also cured her daughter.

refused or disobeyed.

"Rejection of God's gracious invitation to accept Jesus Christ and His Kingdom is an unspeakable tragedy." Too many persons are dying today without Jesus as Saviour because they love their way of life better. So many have a desire for salvation, but on their own terms. Still, there are others who outright hate God.

The man who accepted God's invitation but did not wear a wedding garment, accepted on his own terms. George Buttrick wrote: "Other men made light of the Kingdom and stayed away; but he made light of it and came."

God expects us to enter the banquet hall of grace and salvation on his terms, not our ours. "The grace of God cannot be abused, imposed upon, taken for granted."

ment has a parable within the parable. One guest was found not to have on the wedding garment. When he was approached about his attire, he was speechless. He had no excuse. This man had defied the authority of the king by trying to attend on his own terms; he was just as guilty as the first group who refused to come as invited. By presumption or privilege, he was rejected.

The wedding garment is a reminder that even within the grace of divine calling, there is a moral demand. God's free salvation is often pictured as garments of salvation or a robe of righteousness. Salvation is offered to all, but it is not indulgence. It is a gift and demanded.

Gentiles and Jews alike must wear the garments of holiness and righteousness if they participate in the blessings of the Kingdom. The righteousness of God or Jesus Christ is a gift. I can never become good enough to be saved but the atonement provides the righteousness of Christ for me to wear on the day of judgment.

The price of rejecting God's invitation is rejection. Those who refuse the invitation and those who are without the righteousness of Christ may expect the horrors, the weeping, and the torments of the place prepared for all who choose to remain outside the Kingdom of blessedness.

"Many are called but few are chosen." This seems to mean that many are invited, but not all approved. Matthew employs "called" for God's invitation extended to all, and elected or chosen to be those who properly responded. Paul, in his epistle, will say that the "called" are those who have responded in faith to God's invitation. The uncalled according to Paul are those who

Jesus Christ.

The central figure in the Parable of Invitation is the king and it is his authority which is defied but not escaped. The king issued invitations to many to become guests at the marriage feast for his son. The invitation of the king was more than a social courtesy. To spurn a king's invitation is to reject his authority. The invitation went out in advance and when the banquet was ready the servants of the king went and announced that things were ready. Those invited first refused to come and later made light of the invitation as they made too much of other interests. Some even showed hostility. Others were rude, crude, and cruel to the point of killing the servant.

When the first guests proved to be not worthy, the servants were sent to invite any who could be found. The wedding hall was to be filled, whether or not those most privileged responded.

In the parable, the king has reference to God. God invites men to his table. If He did not invite, they could not come. God does not force one to attend. One may refuse, but in so doing, he defies the authority of God, and thus chooses the alternative, destruction in outer darkness. More amazing than God's invitation to men to sit at his table is man's indifferent refusal, and even defiance.

"Jesus becomes very specific. The Jews expected the Kingly reign of the Messiah to be ushered in with a feast at which they believed that only Jews would be present. In the parable, the first invited were the Jews. The messengers who were killed represented the prophets. The bad and the good people invited to the feast were the Gentiles.

The parable of the wedding gar-

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